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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF AN "OPEN MESSAGE" FROM "TFSC PRESIDENT"
DENKTASH TO GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE DATED JULY 20. (PRESS RELEASE
WAS MADE IN EARLY HOURS JULY 20). BEGIN TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE:

THIS MORNING THE PRESIDENT OF THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF
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CYPRUS, MR. RAUF DENKTASH AT A PRESS CONFERENCE REPEATED HIS
INVITATION TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE TO RESUME THE
INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND MADE PUBLIC THE FOLLOWING "OPEN MESSAGE"
IN PROOF OF THE EARNESTNESS OF THE TURKISH CYHRIOT SIDE:

"OVER THE PAST MONTHS THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, WHICH
IT IS MY HONOUR TO REPRESENT, HAS BEEN SINCERELY TRYING TO RE-
OPEN THE INTERCOMMUNAL DIALOGUE UNDER THE AEGIS OF SECRETARY-

GENERAL WALDHEIM SO THAT WE MIGHT MOVE TOGETHER TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF OUR ISLAND. IT WAS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT WE MADE OUR PROPOSALS IN APRIL AND ELABORATED UPON THEM IN MAY. IT HAS BEEN A CAUSE FOR PROFOUND REGRET THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP HAVE NOT CO-OPERATED IN REOPENING THE DIALOGUE.

IN A SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION AND AS A GESTURE WHICH MIGHT HELP OVERCOME ANY MISTRUST, I AM SENDING YOU THIS PUBLIC MESSAGE AND PROPOSING THAT YOU ACCEPT OUR OFFER TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS ON ALL THE PROBLEMS DIVIDING US.

AS AN EARNEST PROOF OF OUR GOOD FAITH, I WISH TO MAKE A PROPOSAL CONCERNING VAROSHA. THIS IDEA IS BASED, IN PART, ON SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM'S RECENT REPORT IN WHICH HE OBSERVED THAT "THE TIME MAY BE RIPE FOR A CONCRETE ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH SOME IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE EXISTING STALEMATE ON THE GROUND, THUS CREATING AN OPENING FOR FURTHER SIGNIFICANT STEPS... THE STATUS OF VAROSHA, WHICH OBVIOUSLY SHOULD NOT BE KEPT IN ITS PRESENT EMPTY AND DECAYING CONDITION MAY PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY OF THIS KIND. SINCE VAROSHA IS SITUATED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE BUFFER ZONE AND IS PATROLLED BY UNFICYP TROOPS, IT WOULD SEEM NATURAL TO ENMISAGE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE IN THIS CONNECTION."

WE INDICATED PREVIOUSLY THAT GREEK CYPRIOT INHABITANTS OF VAROSHA WOULD BE ABLE TO BEGIN RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES AND PROPERTIES IN THE AREA AS SOON AS THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ARE RECONVENED. WE HAVE SPECIFIED THAT AS MANY AS 35,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS CAN THUS BE RESETTLED COMMENCING SHORTLY AFTER THE RESUMPTION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. FOR OUR PART, ALL WE REQUIRE IS THAT IN DEFINING THE AREA OF RESETTLEMENT THE LEGITIMATE SECURITY CONCERNS OF OUR COMMUNITY BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. WE WISH TO REAFFIRM OUR EARLIER ASSURANCES THAT FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF VAROSHA IS FULLY OPEN TO NEGOTIATION.

WITH THE ABOVE IN MIND, I WANT TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS TO YOU:

- I AM PREPARED TO DISCUSS, IN ORDER TO DISPEL ANY UNFOUNDED DOUBTS ABOUT OUR DESIRE TO FACILITATE A FINAL SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE, AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION TO BE PROMPTLY SET UP IN VAROSHA WITHOUT ANY PREJUDICE TO THE EXISTING OR THE FINAL POLITICAL STATUS OF THE AREA.

- WE MAY ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS PROMPTLY TO PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION'S STRUCTURE WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ON THE BASIS OF MY AGREEMENT OF 12 FEBRUARY 1977 WITH MAKARIOS.

- THE INTERIM ADMINISTRATION'S ORGANS AND FUNCTIONS WOULD INCLUDE THE SUPERVISION OF ESSENTIAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND THE EXERCISE OF NORMAL POLICE FUNCTIONS.

- THE RESETTLEMENT OF VAROSHA SHALL PROCEED BY STAGES, COMMENCING AS SOON AS FEASIBLE WITH THE RESUMPTION OF THE INTER-

COMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE UNITED NATIONS WOULD PROVIDE SUCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO SURVEY AND REHABILITATE THE CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUILDINGS AND TO FACILITATE THE PROCESS OF RESETTLEMENT.

I HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT THIS OFFER IN A SPIRIT OF RECONCILIATION.

RAUF R. DENKTASH"

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